who are so senior to me in age and experience, peshaps. But as on experience of running this House, I feel that there are certain traditions of this House and we have to follow them and there are certain rules which we have to follow. The only device in my hand is that I will go through the record. What Mr. Subramanian Swamy has said must be on the record and what Dr. Baldev Prakash has said should be on the record. I will see the record and if I find anything which is a personal allegation, either by Mr. Subramanian Swamy or by Dr. Baldev Prakash, then I will give my decision tomorrow. I feel that it is very sad that we sit on dignity. I have never sat on dignity sitting in this Chair. I have said 'sorry' to the House on behalf of the Members. So if the Members feel so, I say 'sorry' on behalf of Dr. Baldev Prakash, to Mr. Subramanian Swamy, if he is hurt and I say 'sorry', on behalf of Mr. Swamy, to Dr. Baldev Prakash if he feels hurt.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is not that I am hurt. This is typical of him... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI NARAIN PRASAD GUPTA: On a point of order.

उपसभापति : अभी कोई पाइंट आफ आर्डर नहीं है। . . . I think nobody is in a mood to listen to anything. I adjourn the House for lunch till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned for lunch at twenty-seven minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-one minutes past two of the clock, [THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) in the chair.]

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, राय बरेली में बहुत हम घटना हुई है और हमारे... **(व्यवधान)**

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم رائے بریلی میں بہت اہم گھٹنا ہوئی اور ہمارے..."مداخلت"

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SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE (GENERAL) 1992-93 (AUGUST, 1992)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Expenditure (General) for the year 1992-93 (August, 1992)

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श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, राय बरेली में जो घटना हुई है, वहां पर. . . **(व्यवधान)**

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم رائے بریلی میں جو گھٹنا ہوئی ہے۔ وہاں پر...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): We will now take up the Special Mentions. *(Interruptions)*

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, मेरा भी व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। . . . **(व्यवधान)**

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : मैडम, सारे लोगों ने स्पेशल मेंशन दिया है। मैं इजाजत चाहता हूं कि मुझे भी बोलने का मौका दिया जाए।

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل : میڈم سارے لوگوں نے اسپیشل مینشن دیا ہے۔ میں اجازت چاہتا ہوں کہ مجھے بھی بولنے کا موقع دیا جائے۔

† [ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Rae Bareli has been converted into a Special Mention. I will call both of you in a minute. Mr. Jaipal Reddy.

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : मैडम, मुझे भी बोलने दिया जाए ।... **(व्यवधान)**

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل: میڈم۔ مجھے بھی بولنے دیا جائے۔... "مداخلت"

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please sit down. I will call you. Now, Mr. Jaipal Reddy.

RE. STRIKE BY WORKING JOURNALISTS

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I gave notice duly about the strike by a major section of pressmen in the country. As you may have noticed, Madam, the press gallery today is nearly empty and it has been nearly empty since morning. I did not raise the issue earlier because of the din in the pre-lunch hour.

As you know, Madam, the Bachawat Wage Board was set up several years back and the Government of India has not taken steps to constitute another board. Many recommendations of the Bachawat Wage Board have nit been implemented by many organisations. Those organisations have gone in appeal to the court. The Government could not do anything in the matter since the matter is in the court. I am not blaming the Government for that. But, why should the pending appeals in the court stand in the way of the Government constituting another wage board for fresh revision of the wages of working journalists? There must be a built-in mechanism as a part of which the wages and the purchasing power of the journalists are taken care of. Madam, I therefore, request the Government to come forward with its own responsibility and not to adopt an ostrich-like attitude. I would like to place on record my sympathy with the stand taken by the working journalists in the country.

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I associate myself with Mr. Jaipal Reddy. I hope the whole House will associate itself with him.

श्री सुरेश पचोरी (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैं भी अपने आपको इससे सम्बद्ध करता हूं । आज से समाचार-पत्रों की हड़ताल होने जा रही है । कल के समाचार-पत्र प्रकाशित नहीं होंगे ।

श्री एस. जयपाल रेड्डी : हड़ताल आज से ही है ।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : हड़ताल आज हो रही है । आज हो गई है । आज हड़ताल चल रही है ।

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل: ہڑتال آج ہو رہی ہے۔ آج ہو گئی ہے۔ آج ہڑتال ہو رہی ہے۔

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : हड़ताल शुरू को गई है ।

श्री सुरेश पचोरी : कल के समाचार-पत्र प्रकाशित नहीं होंगे क्योंकि समाचार-पत्रों में हड़ताल आज से प्रारंभ हो गई है । इसलिए यह मामला बहुत गंभीर है । सरकार को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर, वरीयता के आधार पर इस मामले पर ध्यान देना चाहिए ।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : मैं समझता हूं कि पूरा हाऊस इससे एसोसिएट करता है ।

†[]Transliteration in Arabic Scripe.